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August 30 Hurricane Dorian, Tidal Flooding Update

Charleston, S.C.—The National Weather Service (NWS) Charleston has issued a Coastal Flood Warning for Charleston and Berkeley Counties, in effect from 7 p.m. tonight until 12 a.m. Saturday morning, and is forecasting moderate to major coastal flooding due to an 8.1-foot high tide expected at 8:51 p.m. Evening high tides are expected to remain at 8.1 feet through Sunday.

As always, city Emergency Management officials urge motorists to avoid flooded roadways and exercise caution when driving in areas prone to flooding.

City of Charleston Emergency Management officials are monitoring Hurricane Dorian and its potential local impacts and will continue to do so throughout the holiday weekend.

City crews will continue to monitor ditches and storm drains and perform pre-storm preventative maintenance, as needed. The water level in Colonial Lake has been lowered, and crews continue to lower Lake Dotterer, as the tide cycle allows.

City officials will remain in close communication with Charleston County and other local agencies throughout the weekend, and will continue to receive regular updates from the National Weather Service regarding the potential for severe weather. The city remains at OPCON 3.

As a precaution, residents are encouraged to review the city's Hurricane Information webpage, which can be accessed at http://www.charleston-sc.gov/hurricane-information.

For the most accurate and up-to-date weather forecasts, residents should stay tuned to the National Hurricane Center and National Weather Service Charleston websites, as well as local media. Additional hurricane preparedness information can be found at www.scemd.org.

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